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In re application of: Zarling, et al.

Examiner: Forman, B. J.

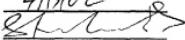
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Steven P. LendarisRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 15, 2002. As this Response is being mailed on or before April 15, 2002, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with this filing. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68331-1/RFT/SPL).

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to Group I (Claims 1-8) drawn to a composition, classified in class 422, subclass 68.1 and Group II (Claims 9-16) drawn to a method of detecting the presence of a target sequence in a sample, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.

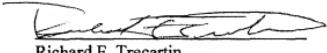
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Applicants elects Group II for further prosecution. As a consequence please cancel
Claims 1-8 as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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